

Supply of Coal to Thermal Power Station at Kotah

1831. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal being used regularly in Thermal Power Stations at Kotah;

(b) the details of the coalfield from where the coal is being supplied and the distance of the coalfield from Kotah;

(c) whether there is any other coal mine at a nearby distance; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make available the coal from the nearest coal mine so as to avoid losses in transportation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Central Electricity Authority have indicated the average monthly coal demand of Kota Thermal Power Station (KTPS) as 1,70,000 tonnes.

(b) Kotah Thermal Power Station (KTPS) receives coal from Singrauli Collieries of Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL); Korea-Rewa coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL) and Jharia Coalfields of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL). Approximate distances of these coalfields from KTPS are as follows:—

- (i) SECL (Korea-Rewa) 990 Kms.
- (ii) NCL (Singrauli) 800 Kms.
- (iii) BCCL (Jharia) 1350 Kms.

(c) and (d) Coalfields nearer to the power station are Korea-Rewa and Singrauli Coalfields. However due to low production in Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd (SCCL) additional coal has to be supplied to Southern and Western parts of India from Western Coalfields Ltd., South Eastern Coalfields Ltd., and Northern Coalfields Ltd. As such a part of requirement of Kota T.P.S. is being met from Jharia Coalfields of BCCL.

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1832. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the rate at which coal is being supplied to the thermal power plants and the total quantity of coal supplied to them;

(b) whether category of coal being supplied was also fixed in the contract and if so, the categories of coal supplied during the last three years; and

(c) whether there have been complaints against the supply of inferior quality of coal from time to time. If so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The rates at which coal is being supplied to thermal power stations vary according to the grades of coal supplied. The present average pit-head price fixed for coal produced by Coal India Ltd. is Rs. 249.00 per tonne and by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. is Rs. 297.00 per tonne.

During the first three months of the year 1991-92 i.e. from 1-4-91 to 30-6-91, the despatches of coal to power stations from CIL and SCCL were 32.18 million tonnes (including washery middlings).

(b) As per information supplied by Central Electricity Authority, quality of coal is not incorporated in the coal supply agreement between Electricity Boards/Power Utilities, and Coal Companies.

(c) Yes, Sir. There have been occasional complaints about supply of inferior quality of coal. All such complaints are enquired into and corrective steps are taken. Coal Companies have been directed to despatch coal after crushing and screening it, and take precautions that extraneous material is segregated from coal.